ORDINANCE NO. 17-794

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE N_0 . 17-792; SETTING THE BID LIMITS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ITEMS BY THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS ORDINANCE NO.17-792 was passed on the 11th day of September, 2017, setting the bid limits for the City of Clarksville; and,

WHEREAS, SAID ORDINANCE was not limited to contracts for major repair or alterations involving the construction or erection of buildings, other constructions, or other permanent improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of clarifying its bid limits in compliance with State Law. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS.

SECTION 1. The mayor, or his duly authorized representative, shall have the exclusive power and responsibility to make purchases of all supplies, apparatuses, equipment, materials, and other things required for public purposes in and for the city, and to make all necessary contracts for work and labor to be done, or material or other necessary things to be furnished for the benefit of the city, or in carrying out any work or undertaking of a public nature thereof.

SECTION 2: The mayor, or his duly authorized, representative shall not be required to invite competitive bidding for making purchases which do not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). Except as provided in A.C.A. §14-58-104, the city shall follow the procedures set out herein and in state law for making purchases which do not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). Provided, however, that the bid limit for a contract providing for the making of major repairs or alterations, for the erection of buildings or other structures, or for making other permanent improvements shall be thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) as is provided in A.C.A. §22-9-203.

SECTION 3: Except as is provided for purchases covered by A.C.A. §22-9-203 as set out in Section 2 above, where the amount of expenditure for any purpose or contract exceeds twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), the mayor or his duly authorized representative shall invite competitive bidding thereon by legal advertisement in any local newspaper.

A. Bids received pursuant to the advertisement shall be opened and read on the date set for receiving the bids in the presence of the mayor or his duly authorized representative.

The mayor, or his duly authorized representative, shall have exclusive power to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, but may reject any and all bids received.

B. The City Council, by ordinance, may waive the requirement of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where the procedure is deemed not favorable or practical.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed this 13th day of November, 2017.

APPROVED:

Mark Simpson, Mayor ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Barbara Blackard, City Clerk/Treasurer